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In re application of:

YASUYUKI AMANO

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**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97(b) and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts as required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. U.S. Patent No. 5,453,855 issued to Nakamura et al. on September 26, 1995; and;
- B. German patent publication No. DE 196 38 081 published by the German Patent Office on March 26, 1998.

Prior art B is not in the English language and the English translation of this prior art is not available at this time to the undersigned. However, an English language abstract is attached to this non-English prior art. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of prior art B is omitted herein.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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